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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSED RESEARCH GRANT

- KATHLEEN BLOOM

REF: DEPT A-8671

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. REQUEST DEPT AND PHS TAKE NO RPT NO ACTION ON REFERENCED PROPOSED RESEARCH GRANT UNTIL EMBASSY AND CONGEN CAN EVALUATE AND REPLY.

2. REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ASAP CONCERNING PROPOSED RESEARCH, ESPECIALLY THAT RELATING TO PORTION DEALING WITH HUMAN SUBJECTS.

3. AS DEPT IS AWARE, THIS EMASSY HAS CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTED COOPERATIVE RESEARCH IN THE BIOMEDICAL FIELD ON EITHER A GRANT OR CONTRACT BASIS. WE MUST, HOWEVER, CONTINUE TO EXPRESS CONCERN WHEN INFORMATION PROVIDED WITH NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED GRANT OR CONTACT IS NOT ADEQUATE TO PERMIT US TO ASSESS IN FULL CONFIDENCE THE FOREIGN POLICY IMPLICATIONS OF A PARTICULAR PROPOSAL. RECENT REQUESTS FOR ASSESSMENT HAVE ALSO POSED NEW PROBLEM WHICH IS THAT OF TIME SCALE. FOR EXAMPLE, REPAIR REACHED EMBASSY ON DEC 6 WHICH PROVIDES LESS THAN TWO WEEKS WHIN WHICH TO CONDUCT ROUTINE NAME CHECKS AND SOLICIT CONCURRENCE OF CONSUL GENERAL. CONSEQUENTLY, WE WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST THAT DEPT REVIEW PROVISION WHICH PROVIDES THAT UNLESS

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POST IS HEARD FROM WITHIN THIRTY DAYS, ASSUMPTION WILL BE

MADE THAT THERE IS NO RPT NO OBJECTION. IF SOME DEADLINE IS FELT TO BE NECESSARY, THEN EITHER TRANSMISSION TO POST SHOULD BE EXPEDITED OR THE DEADLINE LENGTHENED TO CORRESPOND MORE REALISTICALLY TO TRANSMISSION TIMES TO AND FROM POST WITH ALLOWANCE FOR NECESSARY PROCESSING AT POST. END
UNCLASSIFIED.

4. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. FYI DEPARTMENT ONLY: DEPT SHOULD BE AWARE THAT PUBLIC CONCERN WITH RESPECT TO BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH WHILE LAGGING SOMEWHAT BEHIND US ON SPECIFIC ISSUES, NEVERTHELESS, GENERALLY PARALLELS TRENDS IN THE U.S. IN THE CASE OF RESEARCH ON HUMAN SUBJECTS, FETAL MATERIAL AND OTHER HUMAN TISSUE, CONCERNS IN CANADA, WHILE NOT AS VOCALLY EXPRESSED IN THE MEDIA, ARE NONETHELESS MATTERS OF PRESSING PUBLIC INTEREST.

THE CANADIAN MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL, E.G., AS WELL AS CERTAIN PROVINCIAL ORGANIZATIONS, HAS RECENTLY TAKEN STEPS TO TIGHTEN RESEARCH PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS IN THESE AREAS. IN GENERAL THE NEW REQUIREMENTS PARALLEL, OR ARE IN SOME CASES TAKEN VIRTUALLY VERBATIM FROM US MODELS, ESPECIALLY NIH. EMBASSY WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE SCREENING REQUESTS FOR ASSESSMENT WHICH INVOLVE RESEARCH IN THESE AREA TO ASSURE FULL DOCUMENTATION IS SUPPLIED WITH ORIGINAL AIRGRAM. IN DOING SO, DEPT MAY ASSURE AGENCY SUBMITTING REQUEST THAT EMBASSY WILL NOT RPT NOT FEEL NEGATIVELY TO PROPOSALS IN THESE AREAS. IT IS SIMPLY THE CASE THAT US-SUPPORTED RESEARCH IN PUBLICLY SENSITIVE AREAS AUTOMATICALLY HAS THE POTENTIAL TO ADVERSELY AFFECT FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES AND MUST BE REVIEWED CAREFULLY. END FYI. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.
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